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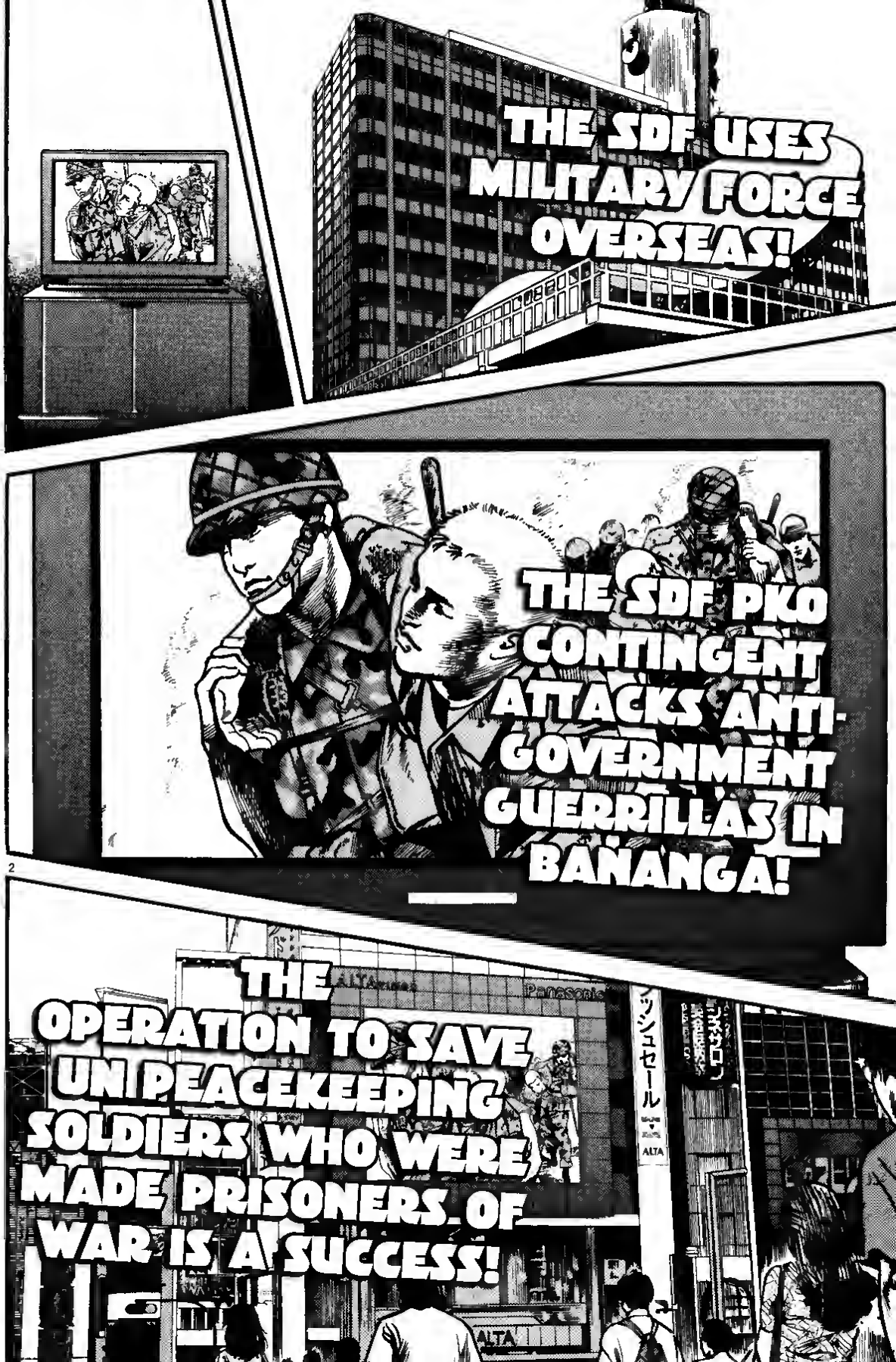
THE SDF USES MILITARY FORCE OVERSEAS!
THE SDF PKO CONTINGENT ATTACKS ANTI-GOVERNMENT GUERRILLAS IN BANANGA!
THE OPERATION TO SAVE UN PEACEKEEPING SOLDIERS WHO WERE MADE PRISONERS OF WAR IS A SUCCESS!
ALTA
Panasonic

Metropolitan Police Department
SO THIS... IS THE ODYSSEY ...!?
...CH-CHIEF...
Japanese Ministry of Defens
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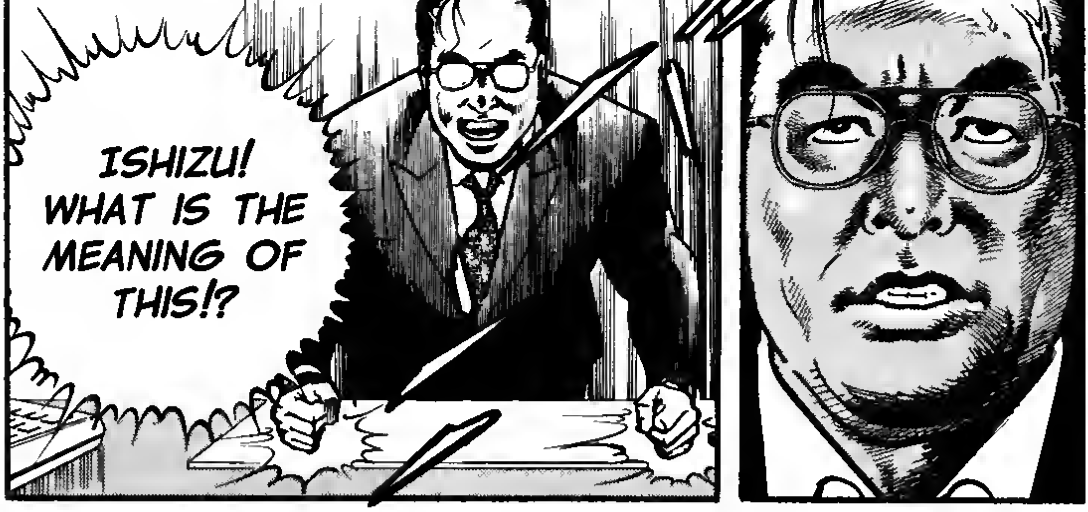
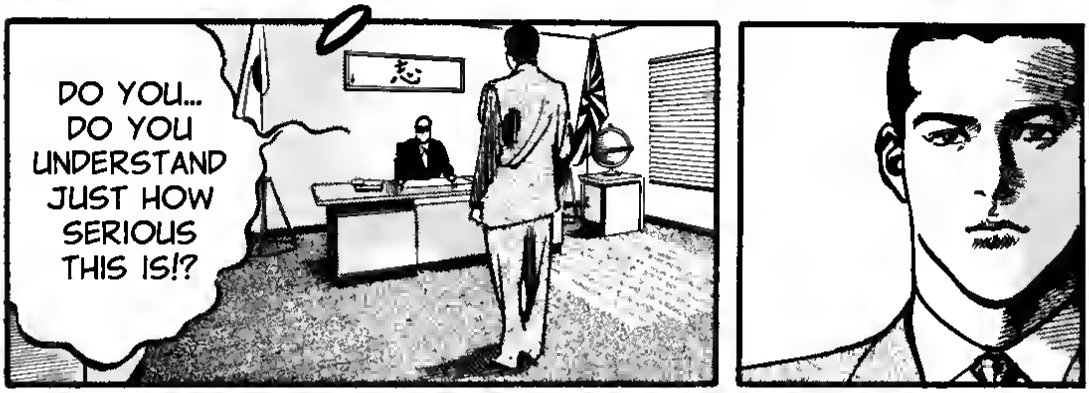
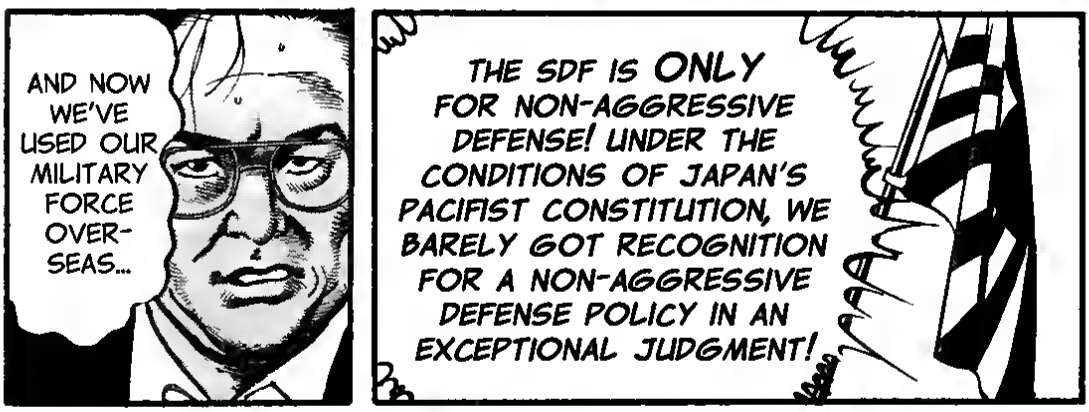
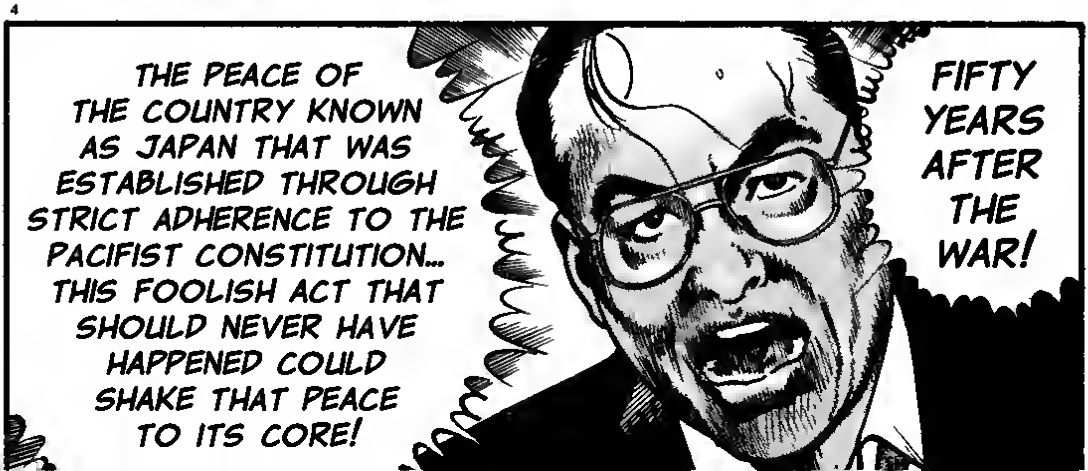
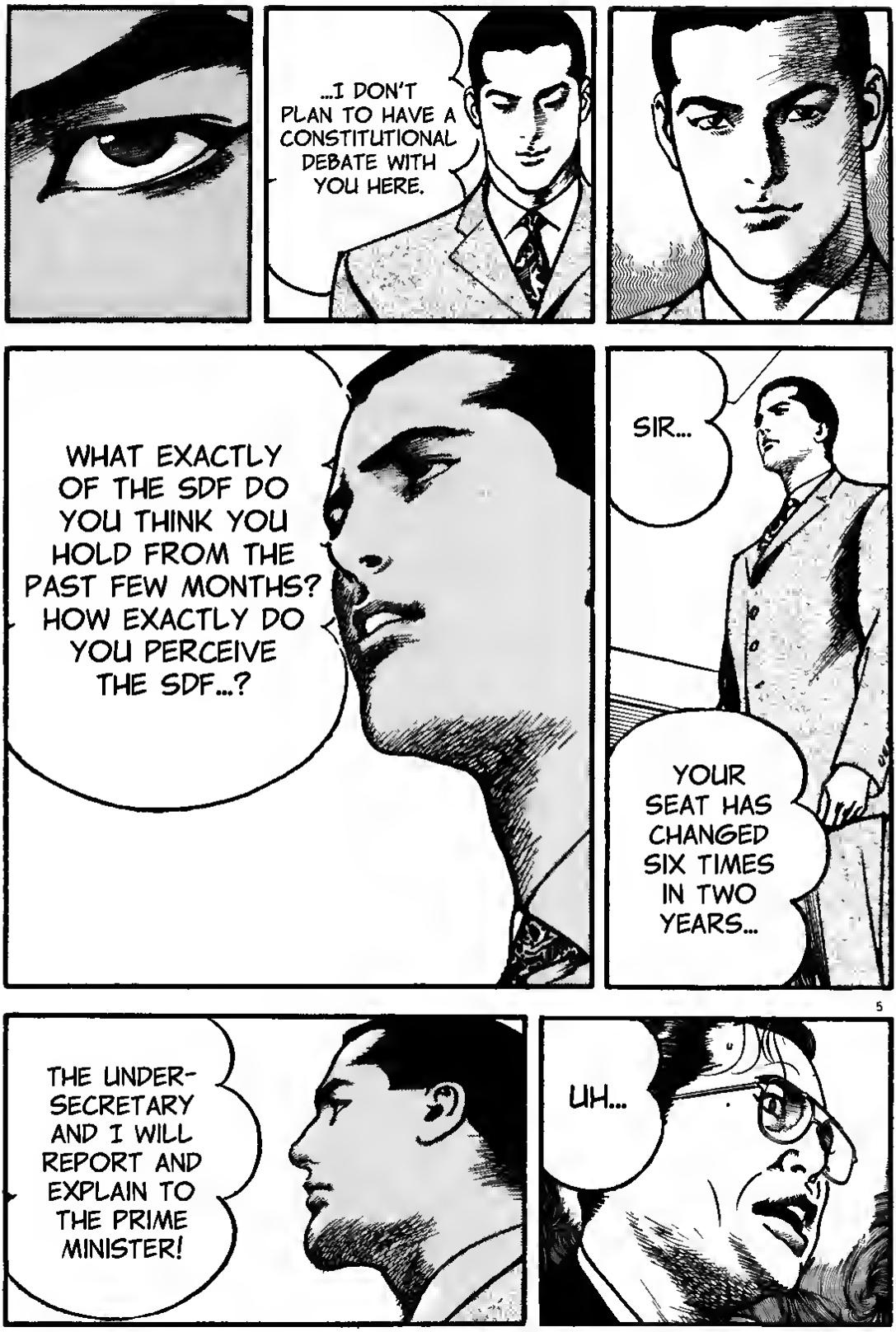

ISHIZU! WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS!?


DO YOU... DO YOU UNDERSTAND JUST HOW SERIOUS THIS IS!?


AND NOW WE'VE USED OUR MILITARY FORCE OVER-SEAS...
THE SDF IS ONLY FOR NON-AGGRESSIVE DEFENSE! UNDER THE CONDITIONS OF JAPAN'S PACIFIST CONSTITUTION, WE BARELY GOT RECOGNITION FOR A NON-AGGRESSIVE DEFENSE POLICY IN AN EXCEPTIONAL JUDGMENT!


THE PEACE OF THE COUNTRY KNOWN AS JAPAN THAT WAS ESTABLISHED THROUGH STRICT ADHERENCE TO THE PACIFIST CONSTITUTION... THIS FOOLISH ACT THAT SHOULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED COULD SHAKE THAT PEACE TO ITS CORE!
FIFTY YEARS AFTER THE WAR!


...I DON'T PLAN TO HAVE A CONSTITUTIONAL DEBATE WITH YOU HERE.
WHAT EXACTLY OF THE SDF DO YOU THINK YOU HOLD FROM THE PAST FEW MONTHS? HOW EXACTLY DO YOU PERCEIVE THE SDF...?
SIR...
YOUR SEAT HAS CHANGED SIX TIMES IN TWO YEARS...
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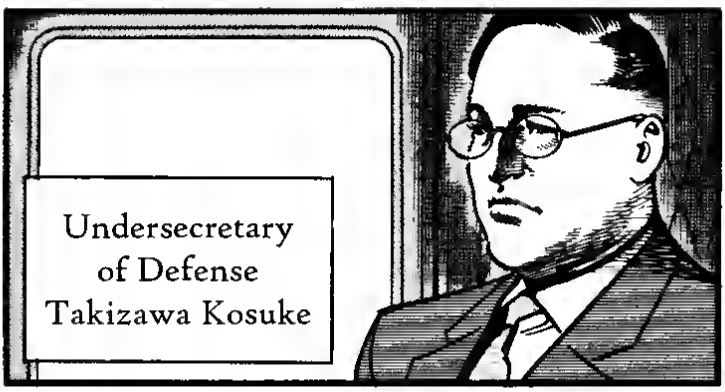
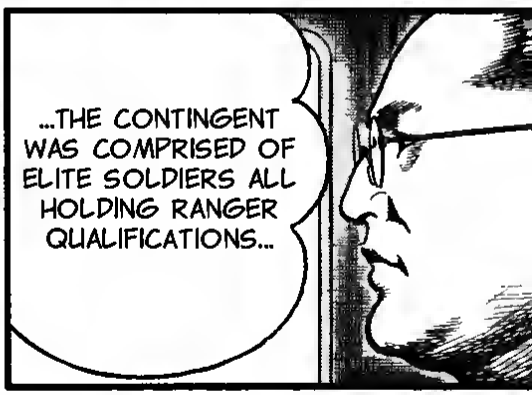
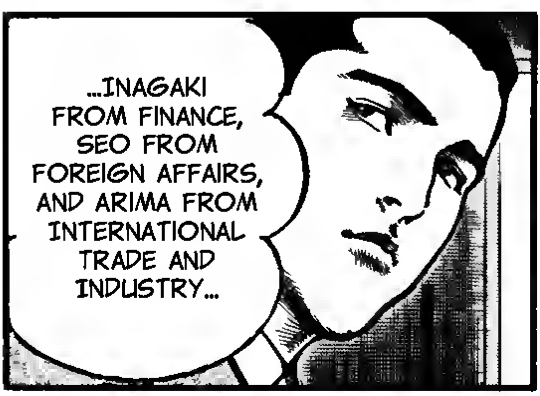
THE UNDER-SECRETARY AND I WILL REPORT AND EXPLAIN TO THE PRIME MINISTER!
UH...


Undersecretary
of Defense
Takizawa Kosuke

...DID YOU PLAN FOR THIS FROM THE BEGINNING...?

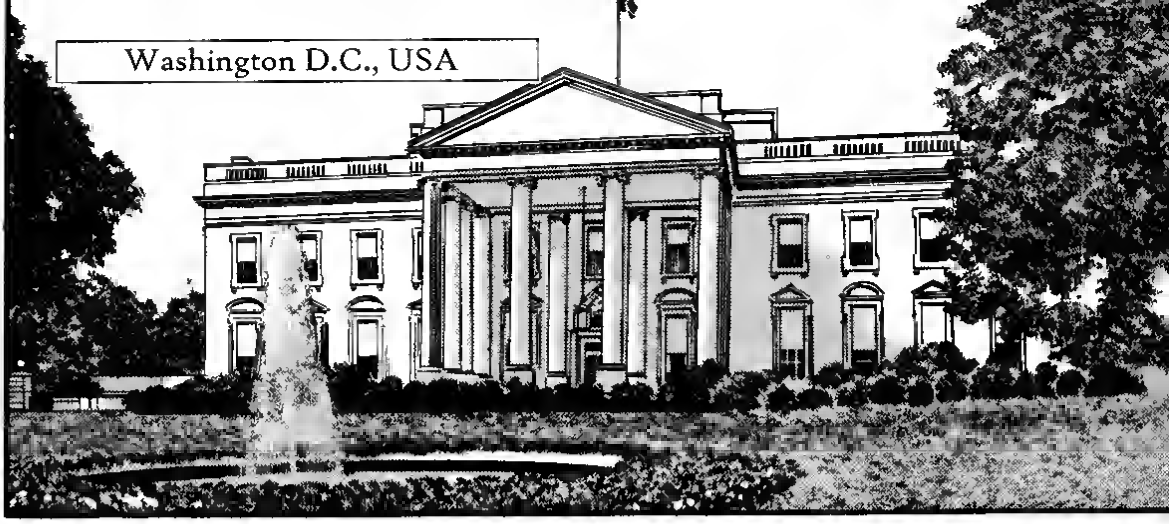

...THE CONTINGENT WAS COMPRISED OF ELITE SOLDIERS ALL HOLDING RANGER QUALIFICATIONS...


...INAGAKI FROM FINANCE, SEO FROM FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND ARIMA FROM INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY...

...WHO ELSE...!?

YES...

...ALL THE SMART ONES...
.....
I WONDER WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO JAPAN BECAUSE OF YOU...
...WE'RE GOING TO PUT YOU AND OUR SUPERIORS THROUGH SOME TOUGH TIMES...
SIR...
...THINGS ARE GOING TO GET ROUGH...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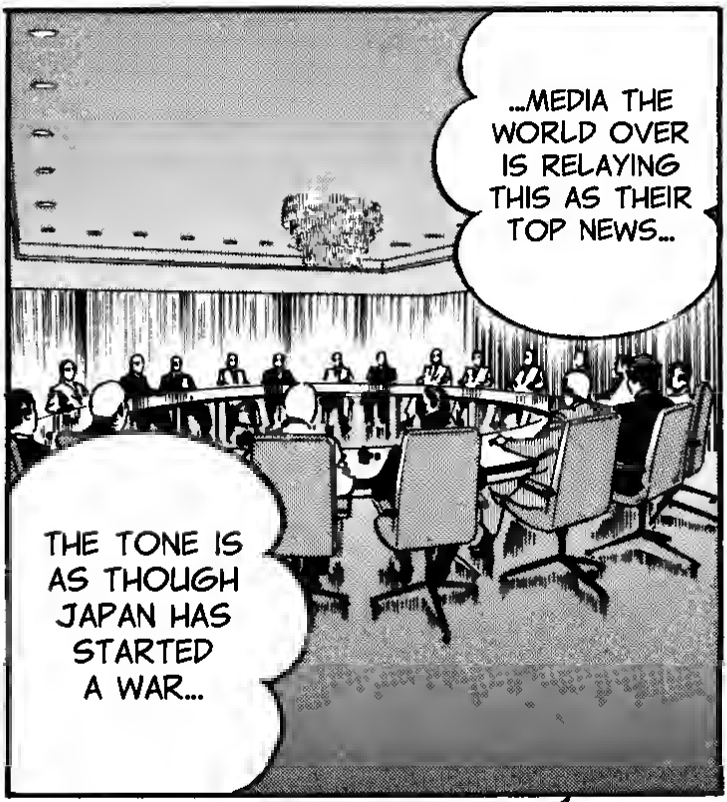
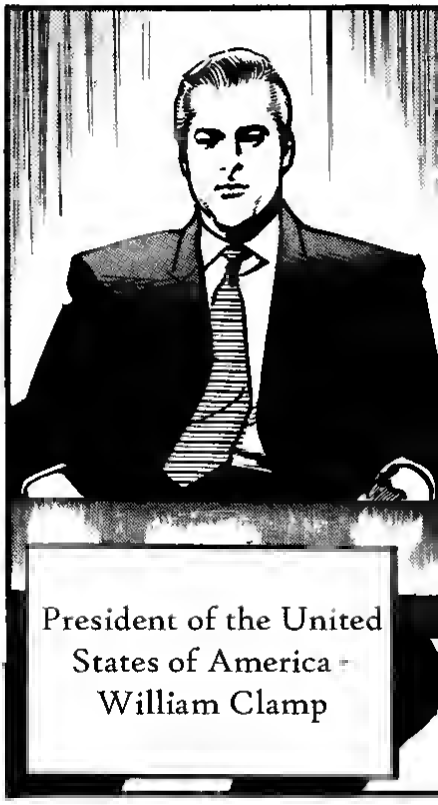

...MEDIA THE WORLD OVER IS RELAYING THIS AS THEIR TOP NEWS...
THE TONE IS AS THOUGH JAPAN HAS STARTED A WAR...

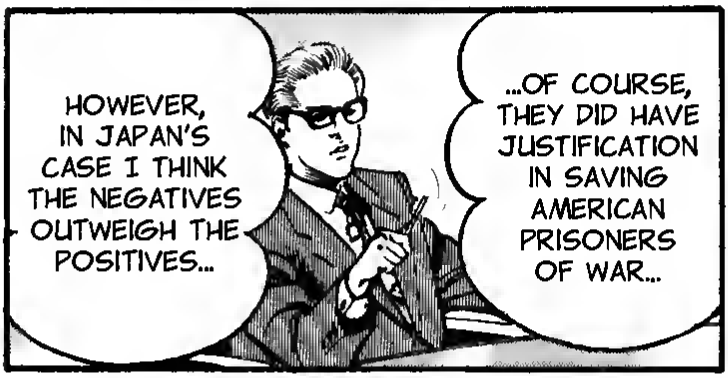

President of the United States of America - William Clamp

...BUT I DON'T UNDER-STAND...

...NO SMOKING HERE...

...WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THEIR PURPOSE IS...
BUT THEY'VE JUST OPENED THEIR EYES...

...THE JAPANESE SDF HAS BEEN A "SLEEPING" ARMY AS CONTROLLED BY THEIR CONSTITUTION...


HOWEVER, IN JAPAN'S CASE I THINK THE NEGATIVES OUTWEIGH THE POSITIVES...
...OF COURSE, THEY DID HAVE JUSTIFICATION IN SAVING AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR...

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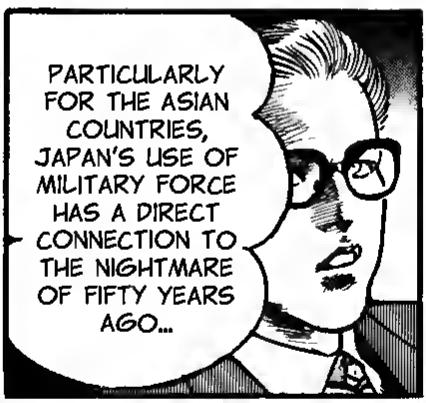
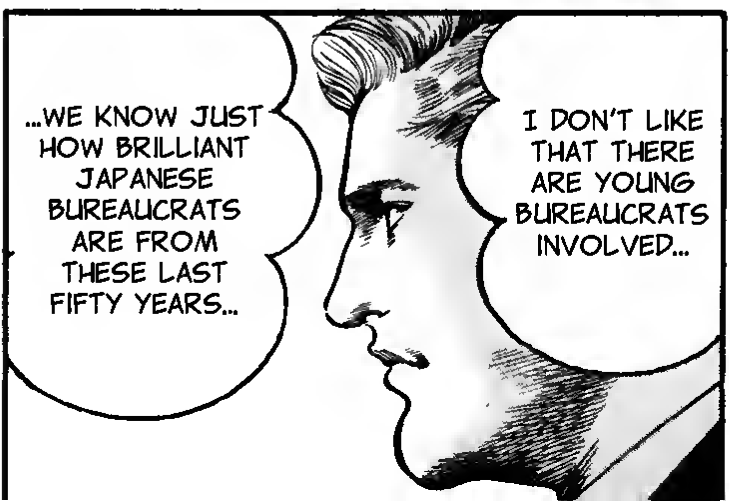
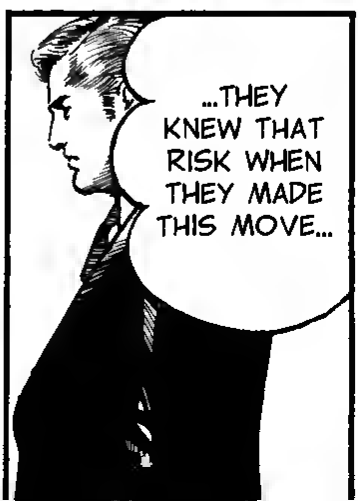
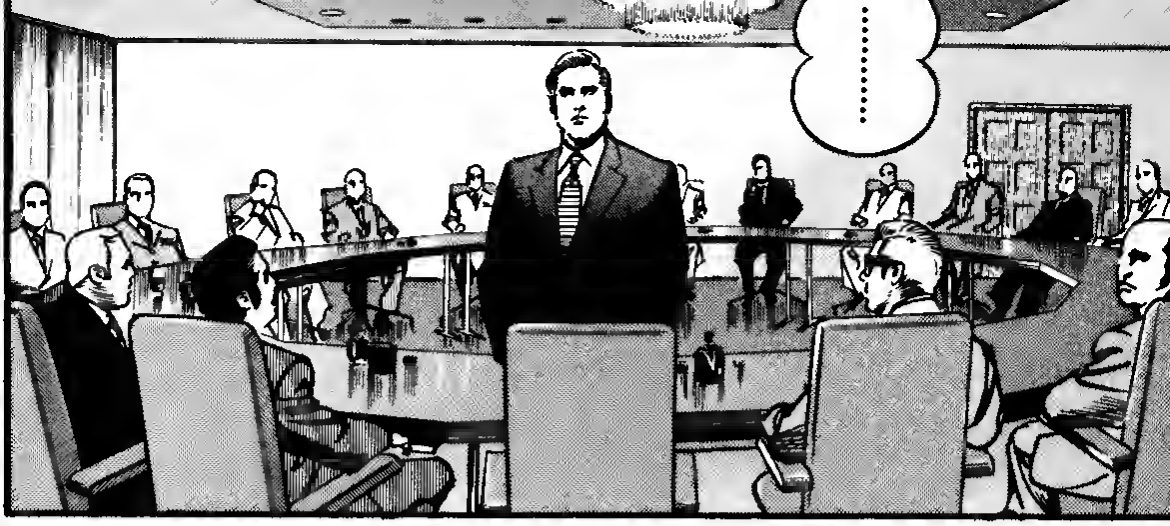
I IMAGINE THE MOST SEVERE CONSEQUENCES WILL BE DEMANDED OF JAPAN...


PARTICULARLY FOR THE ASIAN COUNTRIES, JAPAN'S USE OF MILITARY FORCE HAS A DIRECT CONNECTION TO THE NIGHTMARE OF FIFTY YEARS AGO...


...WE KNOW JUST HOW BRILLIANT JAPANESE BUREAUCRATS ARE FROM THESE LAST FIFTY YEARS...
I DON'T LIKE THAT THERE ARE YOUNG BUREAUCRATS INVOLVED...


...THEY KNEW THAT RISK WHEN THEY MADE THIS MOVE...

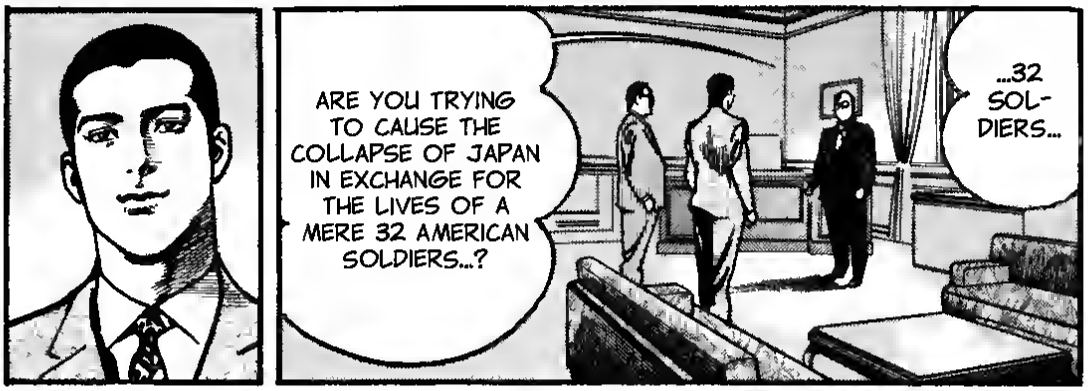


ESTEEM? OR DENIAL ...
...HOW DO THEY PERCEIVE THESE LAST FIFTY YEARS...

...THERE IS ONLY ONE THING WE KNOW FOR CERTAIN...
THE SDF'S USE OF MILITARY FORCE HERE IS MERELY A PROLOGUE OF THEIR DESIGN!

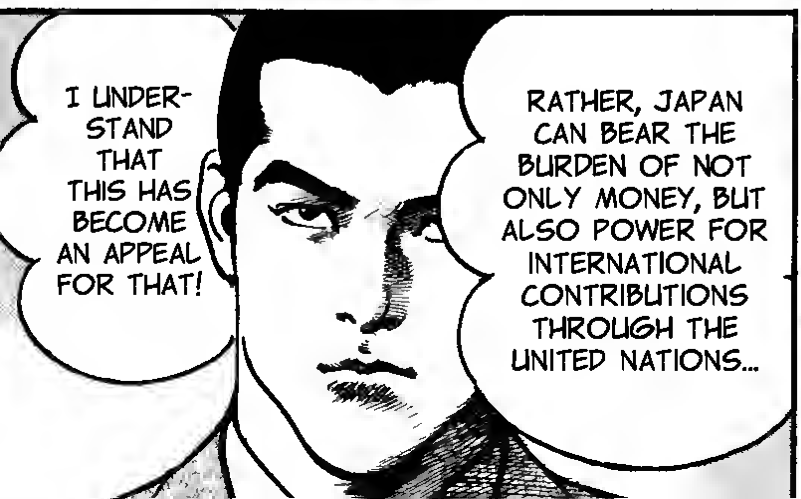
Prime Minister
Shimamatsu Goichi

Prime Minister's Residence, Japan


ARE YOU TRYING TO CAUSE THE COLLAPSE OF JAPAN IN EXCHANGE FOR THE LIVES OF A MERE 32 AMERICAN SOLDIERS...?
...32 SOL-DIERS...

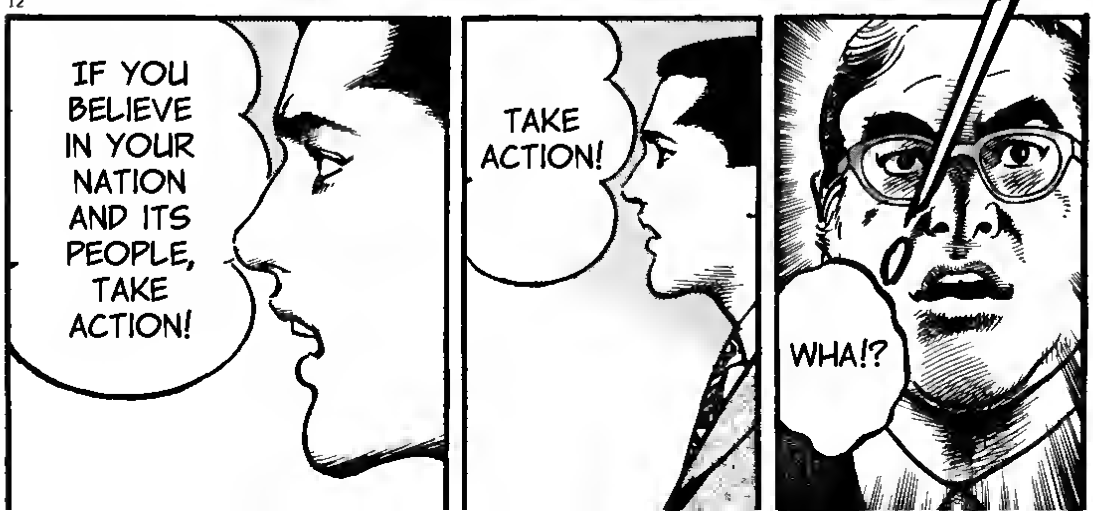
I DON'T THINK IT HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE SDF!
THIS OPERATION WAS MERELY WHAT ANY PKO EXPEDITIONARY FORCE WOULD DO, WE ARE OBLIGATED TO SAVE FELLOW SOLDIERS WHO HAVE BEEN TAKEN AS PRISONERS OF WAR...

...I DON'T THINK OF IT LIKE THAT...


I UNDER-STAND THAT THIS HAS BECOME AN APPEAL FOR THAT!
RATHER, JAPAN CAN BEAR THE BURDEN OF NOT ONLY MONEY, BUT ALSO POWER FOR INTERNATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS...

WHA...

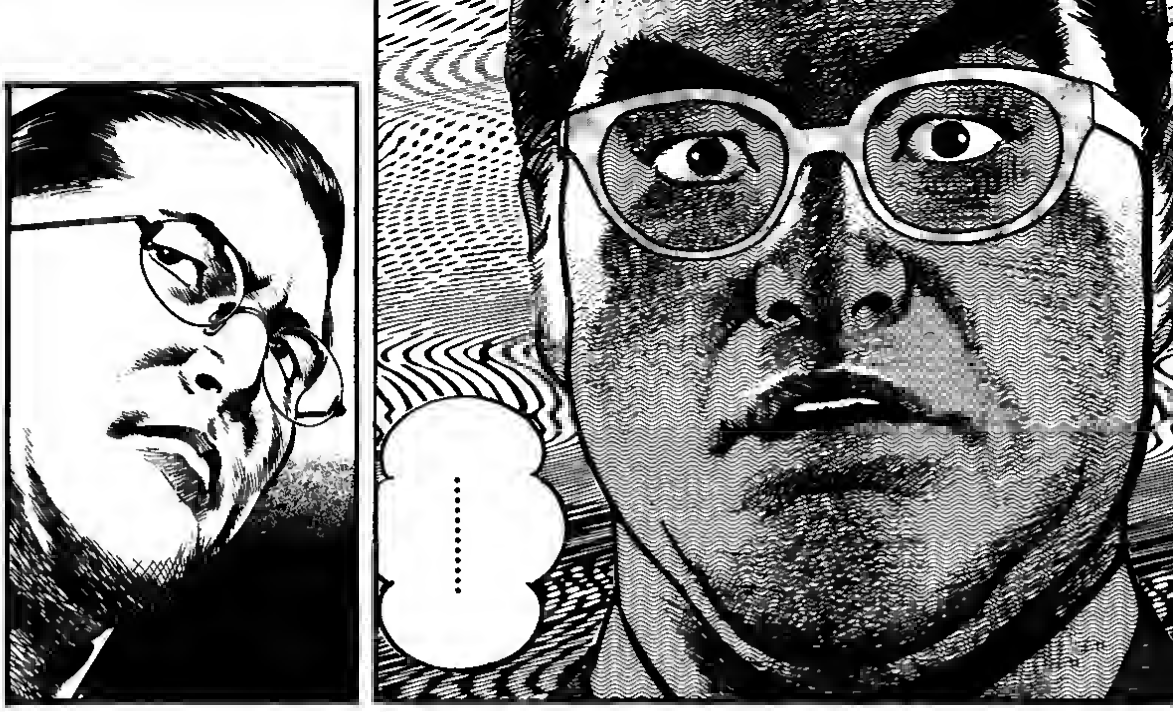
DO YOU THINK THAT YOUR DECEPTIONS WILL WORK ON THE WORLD...!?
DECEP-TION...
UH... KH...
...ISN'T IT A POLITICIANS JOB TO CONVINCE PEOPLE...?
THE MILITARY THREAT AGAINST JAPAN HASN'T DISAPPEARED EVEN THOUGH FIFTY YEARS HAVE PASSED...!
THAT LOGIC WILL ABSO-LUTELY NOT WORK ON THE OTHER ASIAN COUNTRIES!


IF YOU BELIEVE IN YOUR NATION AND ITS PEOPLE, TAKE ACTION!
TAKE ACTION!
WHA!?

I WORK LIKE A FAITHFUL DOG FOR POLITICIANS!!
IF YOU POLITICIANS ARE TO BE TRULY TRUSTED BY THE PEOPLE AND RESPECTED BY U.S. BUREAUCRATS, THEN THAT MEANS THE BUREAUCRATS SHOULDN'T BE TAKING ACTION BEFORE YOU!
ISHI-ZU...
.....
...SHOULD THE PKO CONTINGENT BE PUNISHED AS CRIMINALS, AND THE GOVERNMENT DECIDE TO BRING THIS CASE TO A CLOSE WITH THAT AS THEIR APOLOGY TO THE WORLD, JAPAN WILL FALL MORE AND MORE INTO CHAOS.

...HOW DO YOU THINK THE MEMBERS OF THE SDF, WHO HAVE WOKEN FROM THEIR SLUMBER, WILL DEAL WITH BEING PUNISHED...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
CHAOS ...!?
DO NOT FORGET THAT THE SDF IS AN ARMY MADE OF 240,000 SOLDIERS...!
...WHAT DO YOU HOPE FOR FROM JAPAN...!?
...YOU'VE GONE TO GREAT LENGTHS, WHAT DO YOU EXPECT...?
ISHI-ZU...

THE CONSTRUCTION OF A 21ST CENTURY JAPAN THAT IS INDEPENDENT, EVEN IF THE GREAT AMERICAN NATION IS OUR POLAR OPPOSITE!!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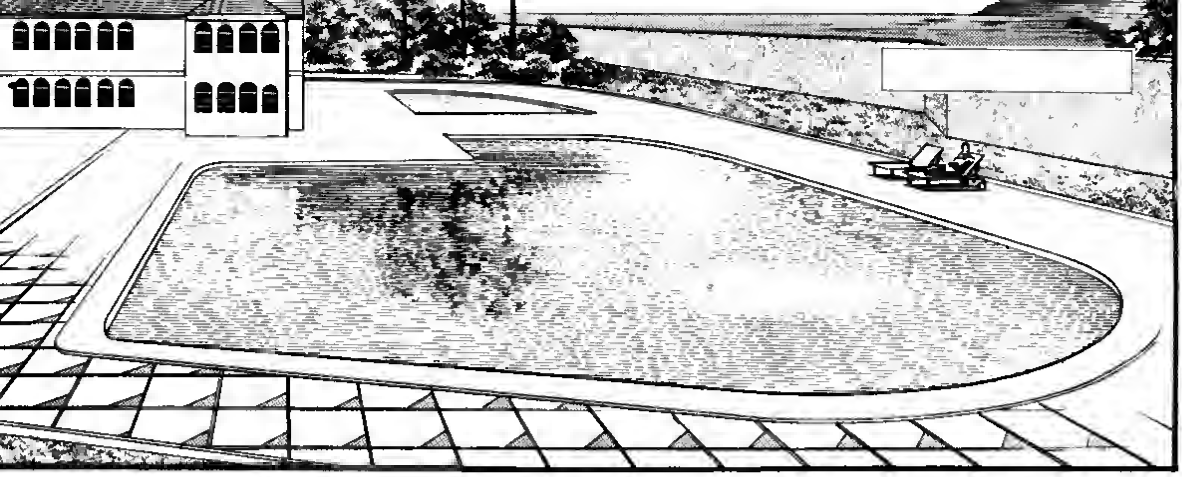
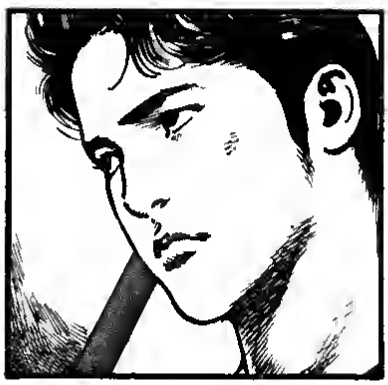
YES!
ISHI-ZU...
YOU'RE TAKING THE BLAME UPON YOURSELF FOR THAT...!?

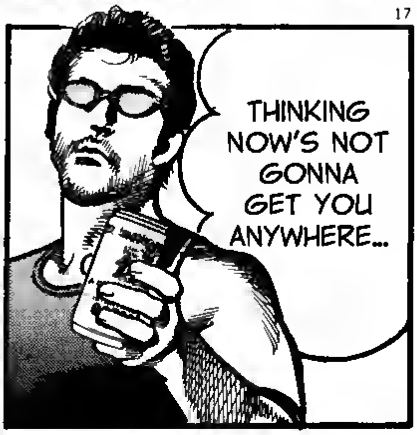


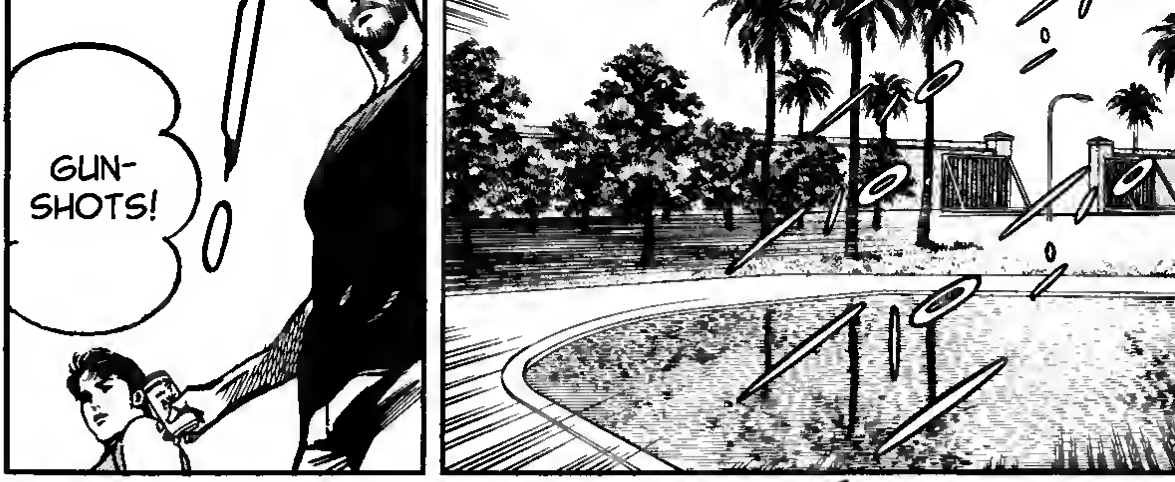


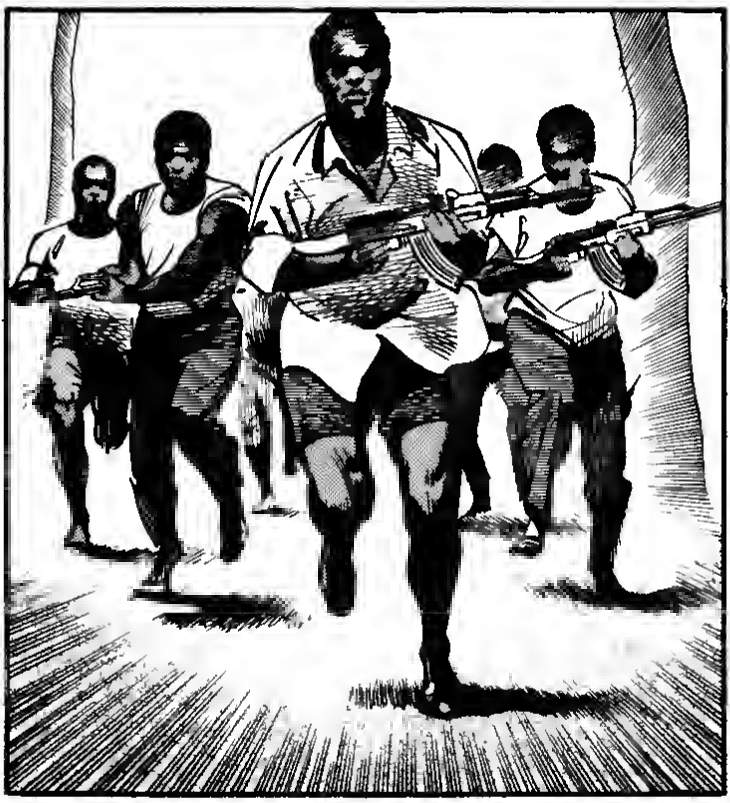
...FULLY PREPARED TO GET BLOOD ON HIM...

THAT'S THE BLADE THAT ISHIZU THRUST INTO THE CITIZENS AND POLITICIANS OF JAPAN, FULLY PREPARED TO GET BLOOD ON HIM!

WHAT ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT...?


THINKING NOW'S NOT GONNA GET YOU ANYWHERE...





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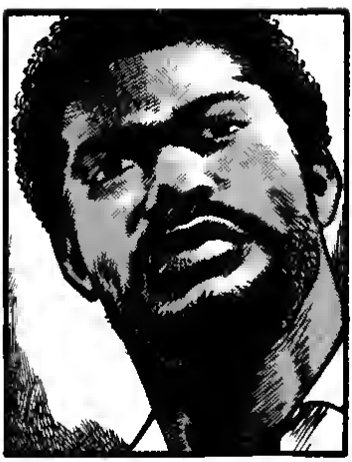

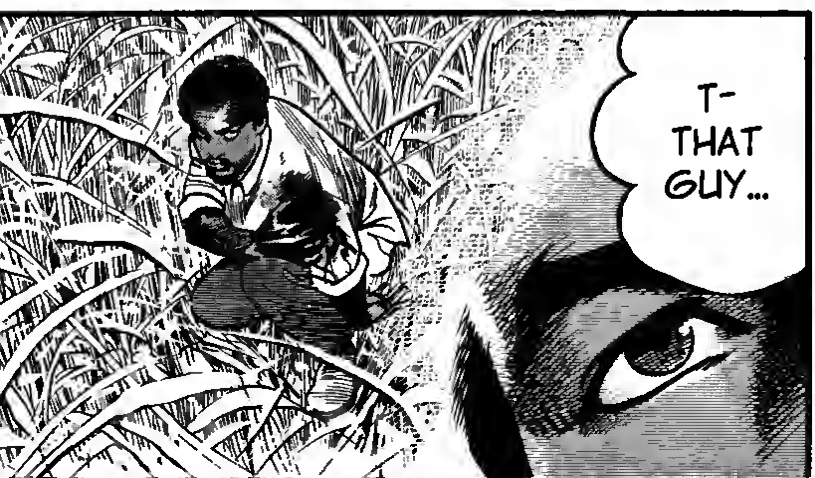
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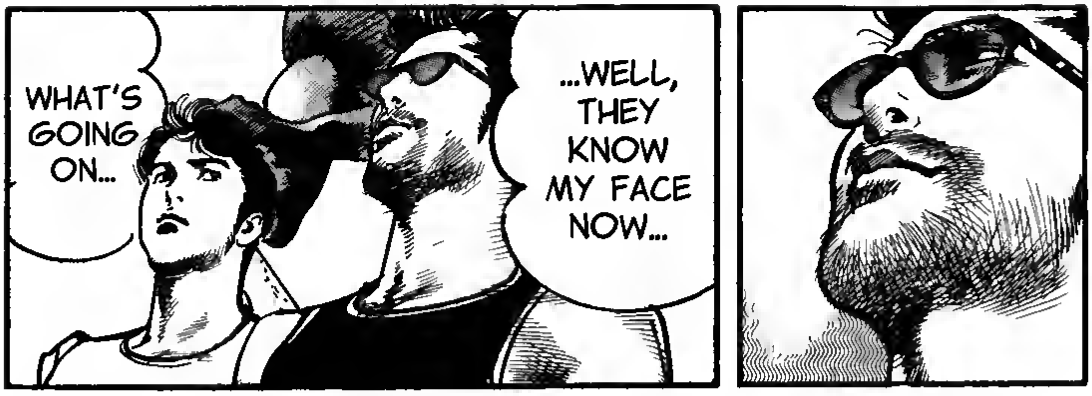
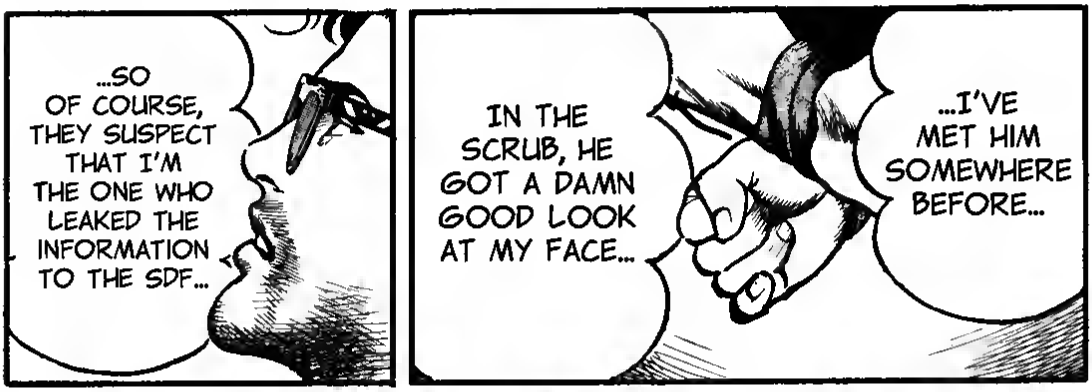
THAT
GUY...


WHAT'S GOING ON...
...WELL, THEY KNOW MY FACE NOW...


...SO OF COURSE, THEY SUSPECT THAT I'M THE ONE WHO LEAKED THE INFORMATION TO THE SDF...
IN THE SCRUB, HE GOT A DAMN GOOD LOOK AT MY FACE...
...I'VE MET HIM SOMEWHERE BEFORE...

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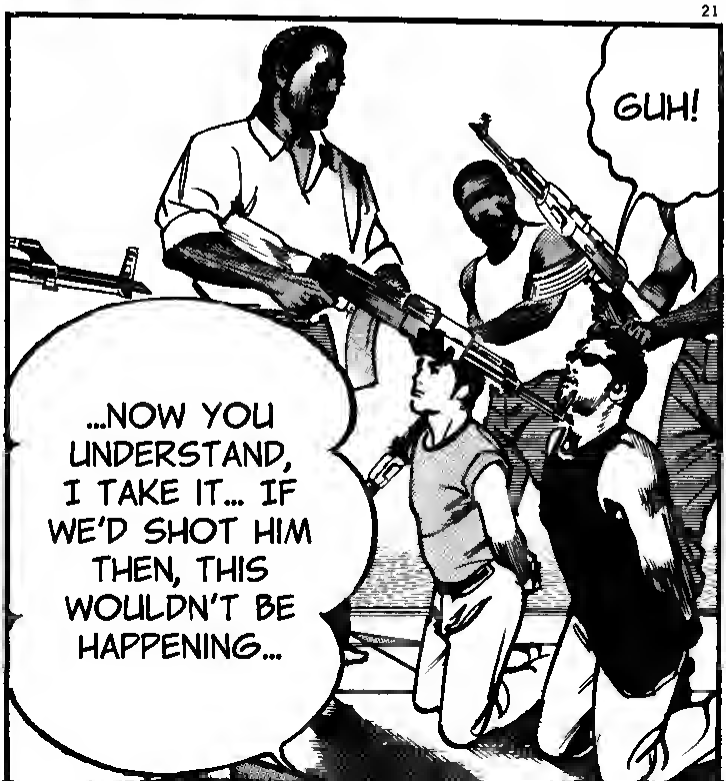
YOU'VE GOTTA GET YOUR HANDS DIRTY TO SURVIVE...


GUH!
...NOW YOU UNDERSTAND, I TAKE IT... IF WE'D SHOT HIM THEN, THIS WOULDN'T BE HAPPENING...

...SOMEONE SOMEWHERE HAS TO TAKE THE BLAME IN ORDER FOR YOU TO SURVIVE!